GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES AT FAIR PRICE SHOPS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to approve the scheme to allow the fair price shops in the country to start public utility services such as STD booths, LPG/Kerosene oil dealerships etc.;

(b) if so, whether any proposal has been forwarded to the concerned Ministries for their consideration; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and their reaction thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a), (b) & (c): With a view to increase the viability of the Fair Price Shops (FPSs), the Department of Food and Public Distribution, based on the recommendations of the State Food Minister`s Conference held 28.10.2004, requested the Ministry of Telecommunication and Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas to using these shops as STD booths and LPG/Kerosene oil dealers.

Ministry of Telecommunication has intimated that no separate instructions are felt necessary as the PCOs are allotted liberally to all eligible applicants of 18 years and above age. The PCO policy of Telecommunications has been sent to State Governments for information and necessary action by the FPS dealers. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas is yet to take a decision in this regard.